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Dear Tom,

Dick said it much better and in considerably more detail when he presented you your richly deserved Distinguished Intelligence Medal. Nonetheless, I did not want your last day in the office to pass without making two points, briefly, on my own.

First, I want you to know how much I admire and respect the many and varied contributions you have made to the Agency throughout your outstanding Agency career. You were, deservedly, a legend throughout the service long before you became the DDP and that last position of leadership was but the capstone of many contributions to your country and the Agency over many years in many lands.

Secondly, I want you to know how much I have valued and enjoyed our own personal association over these past few years. No one, at any level, could possibly have had an abler or more engaging colleague. The help you have given me so spontaneously and generously on many matters -- small ones, large ones and all gradations in between -- is something I shall always recall with great appreciation and fond affection.

All of us who have been privileged to work with you and know you as a friend as well as a colleague wish you every happiness and satisfaction in all your future endeavors.

As always,

George A. Carver, Jr.

*Enc note to Mr. Karamessines*